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SUBJECT: PROPOSED VISIT OF CEA CHAIRMAN SCHULTZE TO MEET
WITH EPA AND OTHERS

REFERENCE: A) STATE 036503, B) TOKYO 2602

1. AS INDICATED IN REF A, CEA CHAIRMAN SCHULTZE HAS
ACCEPTED ECONOMIC POLICY AGENCY (EPA) INVITATION THAT HE
VISIT TOKYO TO CONTINUE LONG-STANDING PRACTICE OF HOLDING
PERIODIC CEA-EPA CONSULTATIONS. SINCE DISPATCH OF CABLE,
HOWEVER, MR. SCHULTZE HAS HAD TO MODIFY PROPOSED DATES OF
VISIT. HE IS AVAILABLE TO HOLD TWO DAYS OF MEETINGS WITH
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EPA AND OTHER GOJ OFFICIALS DURING THE WEEK OF APRIL 10-14
ON DATES CONVENIENT TO EPA. IF THIS WEEK IS NOT CONVENIENT,
MR. SCHULTZE COULD POSSIBLY MEET WITH EPA ON APRIL 6-7, BUT
THESE LATTER DATES WOULD BE LESS PREFERABLE.

2. MR. SCHULTZE WOULD BE ACCOMPANIED BY COUNCIL MEMBER,
WILLIAM D. NORDHAUS, AND CEA INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIST,

JEFFREY R. SHAFER. THESE TWO OFFICIALS PLAN TO SPEND FULL TWO DAYS CONSULTING WITH EPA ON VARIOUS ASPECTS OF US-JAPANESE ECONOMIC POLICIES AND PROSPECTS, AND INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENTS. MR. SCHULTZE, HOWEVER, WOULD LIKELY DEVOTE FIRST DAY TO EPA CONSULTATIONS AND WOULD BE AVAILABLE TO SPEND THE SECOND DAY CONSULTING WITH OTHER JAPANESE AGENCIES AND OFFICIALS.

3. AS YOU INDICATE IN REF. B, MR. SCHULTZE'S TRIP OFFERS EXCELLENT OPPORTUNITY TO HAVE A PRELIMINARY ASSESSMENT OF GOJ INTENTIONS AND PROGRESS REGARDING USHIBA-STRAUSS COMMUNIQUE. MR. SCHULTZE CAN ALSO IMPRESS ONCE AGAIN UPON TOP GOJ OFFICIALS HIGH PRIORITY USG PLACES ON GOJ ACCOMPLISHING ITS ECONOMIC PROGRAM. WE CONSEQUENTLY WOULD LIKE, IF POSSIBLE, TO ARRANGE APPOINTMENTS FOR MR. SCHULTZE ON THE SECOND DAY OF HIS VISIT WITH THE PRIME MINISTER AND SENIOR OFFICIALS IN MINISTRIES OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, FINANCE, AGRICULTURE, TRADE AND INDUSTRY, AND OTHER AGENCIES AS YOU MIGHT DEEM APPROPRIATE. CEA DOES NOT HAVE REPRESENTATIONAL FUNDS, BUT, AS APPROPRIATE, EMBASSY MIGHT ORGANIZE SOCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR HIM TO MEET INFORMALLY WITH GOJ ECONOMIC POLICY LEADERS.

4. EMBASSY SHOULD QUERY EPA REGARDING CONVENIENT DATES FOR PROPOSED CONSULTATIONS. IT SHOULD ALSO DESIGNATE A CONFIDENTIAL

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CONTROL OFFICER FOR VISIT. CEA WILL SEND SEPARATELY SUGGESTIONS FOR CEA-EPA CONSULTATIONS. CEA WOULD WELCOME EPA COMMENTS AND PROPOSALS.

5. FYI: CHAIRMAN SCHULTZE ALSO PLANS TO MEET INFORMALLY WITH JAPANESE DELEGATION LEADERS TO FEB. 27-28 OECD ECONOMIC POLICY COMMITTEE IN PARIS. THIS SESSION MAY AFFORD AN OPPORTUNITY TO DISCUSS PROPOSED CEA-EPA CONSULTATIONS. END FYI. VANCE

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